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1. IN FEBRUARY 1 TURKISH PRESS, MOST CYPRUS-RELATED
COVERAGE WAS DEVOTED TO STRAIGHT REPORTING OF SECRETARY
VANCE'S PRESS CONFERENCE, THE LONDON GREEK-TURKISH
AEGEAN CONTINENTAL SHELF TALKS, THE LONDON EC FONMINS'
MEETING AND A STATEMENT BY THE "SPOKESMAN" OF THE TFSC
DENYING PRESS SPECULATION THAT THE TFSC WOULD RETURN
12-13 PERCENT OF ITS TERRITORY TO THE GREEK CYPRIOTS. IN
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ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, TERCUMAN FEATURED AN INTERVIEW WITH
FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL AND TWO PAPERS REPORTED ON A LUNCHEON
ADDRESS BY REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) CHAIRMAN ECEVIT
TO THE FOREIGN PRESS CORRESPONDENTS (SEPTAL).

2. FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL ARGUED THAT THE SITUATION HAD CHANGED
IN CYPRUS OVER TIME. NO LONGER WAS IT POSSIBLE FOR PNST

GREECE AND TURKEY TO TRY TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM SINCE NOW THE ISSUE WAS MULTI-LATERAL AND WAS COMPLICATED BY A "MAKARIOS FACTOR", A GREEK-CYPRIOT COMMUNITY, A TURKISH FEDERATED STATE AND INTERNATIONAL FORUMS. CAGLAYANGIL DREW ATTENTION TO THE PRESENCE OF U.S. AND SOVIET FLEETS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. NEVERTHELESS SAID CAGLAYANGIL "CYPRUS IS NOT AS DIFFICULT A PROBLEM AS IS IMAGINED...THE CYPRUS QUESTION CAN BE SOLVED VERY EASILY IF WE ARE MOTIVATED BY THE COMFORT OF OUR GRANDCHILDREN RATHER THAN BY WHAT THE PRESS WILL WRITE TOMORROW." CAGLAYANGIL STATED THAT THE DEMANDS OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS WERE NOT EXAGGERATED AND SHOULD BE DISCUSSED; SIMILARLY, THE GREEK-CYPRIOT INTEREST IN THE TERRITORIAL QUESTION COULD BE DISCUSSED. CAGLAYANGIL SAID TALKS SHOULD MOVE BEYOND PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS AND "APPROACH THE PROBLEM IN A USEFUL MANNER. HOWEVER, THE PRESENT SITUATION IN CYPRUS PERMITS NEITHER GREECE NOR TURKEY TO REGARD THE MATTER AS A BILATERAL ISSUE." MACOMBER

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